

will ensure that future generations of Americans have the opportunity to live in a Nation that is more prosperous and more secure. With this Budget, we are protecting our highest ideals and building a brighter future for all.

GEORGE W. BUSH, *February 6, 2006.*

RESIGNATION AS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as chairman of the Committee on Education and the Workforce:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, February 6, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: As a result of my election Thursday as Majority Leader, this letter is to inform you that I resign as Chairman of the Committee on Education and the Workforce and from further service on that Committee. During my five years of service as Chairman on the Committee on Education and the Workforce, the Committee has overseen and enacted 131 public laws designed to improve the lives of all Americans.

I also resign from the Committee on Agriculture on which I have served since being elected to Congress. I would ask that Conference Rule 2 be invoked with respect to my status on both Committees. I am humbled by my peers' decision to elect me as our Majority Leader and I look forward to working with you in that capacity.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Chairman.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF THE HONORABLE DENNIS MOORE, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Julie Merz, District Director of the Honorable DENNIS MOORE, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 1, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena, issued by the District Court of Johnson County, Kansas, for testimony in a criminal case.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

JULIE MERZ,
District Director.

ADMINISTRATION CUTS OFF FEDERAL FUNDS TO OSU STUDY

(Mr. INSLEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, we have another concern today arising about the administration's potential abuse of the scientific process in making policy.

Today, the Associated Press reported that the Bureau of Land Management under this administration has suspended funding for the final year of a study from Oregon State University on the impact of logging in national forests burned by wildfires.

Findings of these studies were published last month in the magazine Science, and they suggested that the administration's stance on salvage logging runs counter to the real goals regarding forest regeneration and fire prevention. I am concerned in this case that we have seen yet another situation where funding may have been frozen to punish scientific results legitimately conducted at Oregon State University, and that is why I have called on the Interior Department's inspector general today to investigate whether or not this in fact has occurred.

Did Daniel Donato and his research team from OSU lose funding because of this cause? Is this another punishment situation? We need to find out. We have got to respect science and use it accordingly.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 7, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby respectfully resign my seat on the House Energy and Commerce Committee effective February 7, 2006. I would like to express my deep gratitude to you and Chairman Barton for the opportunity to serve and look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Sincerely,

J. GRESHAM BARRETT,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

A bill and a concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1219. An act to authorize certain tribes in the State of Montana to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights to meet the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Inc.; to the Committee on Resources.

S. Con. Res. 79. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that no United States assistance should be provided directly to the Palestinian Authority if any representative political party holding a ma-

jority of parliamentary seats within the Palestinian Authority maintains a position calling for the destruction of Israel; to the Committee on International Relations.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mrs. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 4519. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend funding for the operation of State high risk health insurance pools.

H.R. 4659. An act to amend the USA PATRIOT Act to extend the sunset of certain provisions of such act.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reports that on February 3, 2006, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 4519. To amend the Public Health Service Act to extend funding for the operation of State high risk health insurance pools.

H.R. 4659. To amend the USA PATRIOT Act to extend the sunset of certain provisions of such act.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at 2 p.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[The following action occurred on February 3, 2006]

Mr. THOMAS: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 1631. A bill to provide for the financing of high-speed rail infrastructure, and for other purposes: with an amendment (Rept. 109-314 Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committee on Resources discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3699 committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

SUBSEQUENT ACTION ON REPORTED BILLS SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk